

Walking in LA

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Friends:

Making Los Angeles a more walkable city is one of my top priorities. That's why I'm thrilled to announce that we are about to dedicate several new pedestrian safety improvements throughout the 13th District! Here's a recap of what to expect in the coming weeks:

Echo Park: my office has been working with local residents and stakeholders on a signalized crosswalk at Mohawk Drive and Sunset Boulevard. As many of you know, this is a dangerous stretch of Sunset due to the curve in the road. The signal will help slow down speeding cars and improve accessibility for pedestrians in this bustling commercial corridor near Fire Station 20.

Historic Filipinotown: At the request of residents, we worked with the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install a new stop sign adjacent to Union Avenue Elementary (2nd Street and Union Avenue). This safety feature will help reduce high vehicular speeds and volume.

Hollywood: we plan to flip the switch on the following signals in the coming weeks:

- A full traffic signal at Highland and Hawthorn Avenues (part of a Safe Routes to School project).
- A full traffic signal at Hollywood Boulevard and Gramercy Place (part of the Hollywood Western Streetscape project).
- A “scramble” (diagonal) crosswalk at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street.
- And we will break ground for a new full traffic signal at Hollywood Boulevard and McCadden Place, which will be completed later this year

Silver Lake: Crews with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation are currently installing a new pedestrian-activated warning beacon (a flashing yellow light for vehicular traffic in both directions) next to the Silver Lake Recreation Center at Silver Lake Boulevard and Van Pelt Place. The new feature will provide greater access to the dog park, as well as the soon to open South Dam walking path. Construction

should wrap up by the end of the month, and activated in the coming weeks.

During my first term in office we dedicated more than a dozen pedestrian safety improvements, and I look forward to welcoming more in the years ahead. If you have any requests for traffic improvements within the district, please visit the [Los Angeles Department of Transportation website](#) or call my office at 213-207-3015.

Kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

COMING UP: COMMUNITY WALK

ATWATER VILLAGE - Councilmember O'Farrell's next community walk will take place on **Saturday, January 27, at 9:30 a.m., starting at Fosters Freeze, 2760 Fletcher Dr, Los Angeles, 90039**. We'll then go door-to-door to distribute important contact information for free City services. Volunteers from the community and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps will also participate in a neighborhood beautification project. Hope you can join us!

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HEADLINES

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN - Thanks to a constituent who reached out to our office, the Council District 13 Clean Team was dispatched to pick up five truckloads of bulky items around Bonnie Brae and Court Streets. See an area in your neighborhood that needs attention? Be sure to contact Sylvan De La Cruz in our district office at 213-207-3015 or sylvan.delacruz@lacity.org.

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STRAWS BY REQUEST

KNBC - Several City Council members put forth a proposal Wednesday to require Los Angeles restaurants and food service providers to distribute plastic straws to customers 'by request only' as a way to cut down on trash and pollution. Mitch O'Farrell and Nury Martinez co-introduced -- and Mike Bonin seconded -- the motion looking to create an ordinance regulating the use of plastic straws, and for the Bureau of Sanitation to report on options that business owners may use as alternative materials for straws.

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ELECTRIC CAR SHARE

EAST HOLLYWOOD - Have you noticed these new charging stations on Willow Brook Avenue? A new car sharing program will soon be offered near Los Angeles Community College. [BlueLA](#) is working with the Los Angeles Department of

Transportation to start a pilot program throughout the 13th Council District. The goal is to offer transportation alternatives to residents, address concerns of parking in high-density areas, and help the environment by reducing emissions through the use of electric vehicles. The cars will be in place and fully operating in the coming weeks.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LOS ANGELES - Please welcome the newest class of the Los Angeles Police Department, ready to serve, protect, and respect every resident in the City of Angels!

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